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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2006

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT **(\$)** **1,715.00**

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Application Number	09/974,898-Conf. #8944
Filing Date	October 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Kunihiro Miichi
Examiner Name	C. M. Larose
Art Unit	2623
Attorney Docket No.	O3020.0279/P279

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
24	- 24 =	x _____	= _____

Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
5	- 6 =	x _____	= _____

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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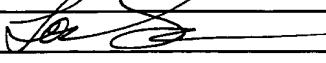
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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Kunihiro Miichi et al.

Allowed: October 20, 2006

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Art Unit: 2623

For: AN IMAGE COMPARISON
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CHECKING AN IMAGE OF AN
OBJECT AGAINST A STORED
REGISTRATION IMAGE

Examiner: C. M. Larose

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(E)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

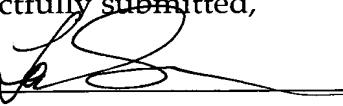
Applicants have received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the October 20, 2006 Notice of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element.

The Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicants and only contains the Examiner's possible positions in one or more reasons for allowability. Thus, any

interpretation with respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be imputed to the Applicants.

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